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In re Application of :  
**John C. Harvey and James W. Cuddihy** : Group Art Unit 2600  
 Serial No. 08/444,758 : Examiner James Groody  
 Filed May 19, 1995 : Atty Dkt: 5634.114  
 For **SIGNAL PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHODS**

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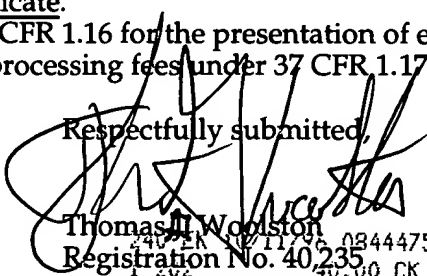
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SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to initiating the Examination of the above-described continuation application, Applicants herewith submit the following Preliminary Amendment and Remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add the following claim(s):

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1 23. A method of signal processing in a network having at least one  
2 intermediate transmission station and at least one ultimate receiver station, said method  
3 comprising the steps of:  
4 transmitting a first signal to said at least one intermediate transmission station,  
5 said first signal containing a data portion at least one identification datum;  
6 receiving at said at least one intermediate transmission station a second signal  
7 containing at least some portion of a mass medium program presentation;